

AIR CARGO SCREENING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “100% Air Cargo Screening: Can We Secure America’s Skies?” Testimony was heard from Ed Kelly, General Manager, Air Cargo, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation; Stephen Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1575, End Government Reimbursement of Excessive Executive Disbursements (End GREED) Act; and H.R. 1107, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts.”

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 1139, COPS Improvements Act of 2009.

TRIBAL RECOGNITION MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 31, Lumbee Recognition Act; and H.R. 1385, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives McIntyre, Moran of Virginia, Schuler, McHenry and Jones; Tim Kaine, Governor of Virginia; George Skibine, Acting Deputy Associate Secretary, Policy and Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: Title IV of H.R. 1256, as amended, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; H. Res. 223, amended, Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Harvey, affectionately known for his signature line, “This is Paul Harvey . . . Good Day;” H.R. 774, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46–02 21st Street in Long Island City, New York, as the “Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building;” and H.R.1397, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the “Caroline O’Day Post Office Building.”

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time on the legislative day of March 19, 2009, relating to a measure addressing excessive compensation paid to employees

of corporations in which the Federal government has a significant interest.

FY 2010 BUDGET MEDICARE REFORMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s FY Year 2010 Budget and Medicare: How Will Small Providers be Impacted?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL MODERNIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on ATC Modernization and NextGen: Near-Term Achievable Goals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Victoria Cox, Senior Vice President for NextGen and Operations Planning Services, Air Traffic Organization, FAA; Karlin Toner, Director, Staff to the Secretary and Senior Policy Committee for NextGen Coordination; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

BRIEFING—CIA INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on CIA Intelligence Activities. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Joint Hearing: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after receiving testimony from Glen M. Gardner, Jr., Veterans of Foreign Wars, Round Rock, Texas.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 19, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Pacific Command, United States Strategic Command, and United States Forces Korea, with the possibility of a closed session following in SR–222, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine bank supervision and regulators, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings to examine current issues in deposit insurance, 2 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on assessing our vulnerabilities and developing an effective defense, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Appliance Standards Improvement Act of 2009, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine prospects for engagement with Russia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 515, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, and the nomination of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine perspectives from main street on small business lending, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies, on Climate Satellite Requirements and NASA and NOAA Programs, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on AFRICOM, 10 a.m., and on Military Personnel—Navy/Marine Corps, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government, on The Judiciary Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Biometric Identification, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Council on Environmental Quality, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Pacific Command, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to continue on Livable Communities, Transit Oriented Development & Incorporating Green Building Practices into Federal Housing and Transportation Policy, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Project on National Security Reform: Commentary and Alternative Views, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Improving Early Childhood Development Policies and Practices, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Salmonella Outbreak: The Role of Industry in Protecting the Nation's Food Supply," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009; and H.R. 1456, Consumer Overdraft

Protection Fair Practice Act of 2009, 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Examining the Home Affordable Program," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and the Global Environment to mark up H. Con. Res. 55, Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Human Trafficking: Recent Trends," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on Lessons Learned From the 2008 Election, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on the Treatment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent, European Americans, and Jewish Refugees During World War II, 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 1080, Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Restoring the Federal Public Lands Workforce, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, oversight hearing on Prevention Stimulus Waste and Fraud: Who are the Watchdogs? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Follow the Money: Accountability and Transparency in Recovery Act Science Funding, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the Efforts to Address Urban Stormwater Runoff, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 228, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; H.R. 466, Wounded Veteran Job Security Act; H.R. 1088, Mandatory Veteran Specialist Training Act of 2009; H.R. 1089, Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009; and H.R. 1171, Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, 1 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 1377, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veterans eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, followed by a hearing on Closing the Health Gap of Veterans in Rural Areas: Discussion of Funding and Resources Coordination, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Troubled Asset Relief Program (TSRP)

and Oversight of Federal Borrowing and the Use of Federal Monies, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, executive, briefing on Security Clearances, 10 a.m., 304–HVC.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled “Constructing a Green Transportation Policy: Transit Modes and Infrastructure,” 9:30 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.